

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The iodine ~~composition~~ preparation as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 17 characterized in that the combined iodide source, oxidant and buffer ~~composition would~~ generates from 5 μ g of iodine per g of ~~composition~~ combination per hour to 1500 μ g of iodine per g of ~~composition~~ combination per hour.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The iodine ~~composition~~ preparation as claimed in claim 10 characterized in that the combined iodide source, oxidant and buffer ~~composition would generate~~ generates 100 μ g of iodine per g of ~~composition~~ combination per hour.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The iodine ~~composition~~ preparation as claimed in claim 10 formulated so that the combined iodide source, oxidant and buffer ~~composition would generate~~ generates the said levels of iodine over a period of three days.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The iodine ~~composition~~ preparation as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 17 wherein the pH of the combined ~~composition~~ iodide source, oxidant and buffer is maintained between about 5.4 and 5.8.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The iodine ~~composition~~ preparation as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 17 which includes from 0.2% to 2% by weight of iodide.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A method of treating a wound comprising applying to said wound an effective wound treating amount of an iodine preparation ~~composition~~ as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 17.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) A method of treating sepsis in wounds comprising applying to said wound an effective sepsis treating amount of an iodine preparation ~~composition~~ as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 17.

Claim 17. (New) An iodine preparation suitable for use on wounds comprising an iodide source, an oxidant and a buffer that is combined at the point of use and generates iodine at a physiologically acceptable dose and rate, and maintains a pH at between 4.5 and 6 on the wound.